

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

<b>In re:</b>	§	
	§	<b>Case No. 21-30710</b>
<b>CASTEX ENERGY 2005 HOLDCO, LLC, <i>et al.</i>,</b>	§	
	§	<b>Chapter 11</b>
	§	
<b>Debtors.<sup>1</sup></b>	§	<b>(Jointly Administered)</b>

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This Stipulated Protective Order (“Order”) is entered into by and among: (a) the debtors and debtors in possession in the above captioned, jointly administered chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “Debtors”); (b) the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”); and (c) any other persons or entities who become bound by this Order by signifying their assent through execution of **Exhibit A** hereto. Each of the persons or entities identified in the foregoing clauses (a) through (c) shall be referred to herein individually as a “Party,” and collectively as the “Parties.”<sup>2</sup> The Parties, by and through their respective attorneys of record and subject to Court approval, have agreed to entry of this Order pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 107(b) and Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and, as applicable, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7026 and 9014 and Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “Federal Rules”).

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: Castex Energy 2005 Holdco, LLC (6832); Castex Energy 2005, LLC (6832); Castex Energy Partners, LLC (6832); and Castex Offshore, Inc. (8432). The Debtors’ mailing address is One Memorial City Plaza, 800 Gessner Rd., Suite 925, Houston, Texas 77024.

<sup>2</sup> The designation of a “Party” is for purposes of reference in this Order only.

### **Recitals**

WHEREAS, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in this Court (the cases commenced by such petitions, the “Chapter 11 Cases”); and there are, or may be, judicial or other proceedings, including, but not limited to, investigations, contested matters, adversary proceedings, negotiations related to a plan of reorganization, and negotiations related to potential sales of estate assets, among other bankruptcy related activities (each a “Bankruptcy Matter” and, collectively, the “Bankruptcy Matters”) arising under the Bankruptcy Code or arising in or relating to the Chapter 11 Cases; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have sought or may seek certain Diligence Material (as defined below) from one another with respect to one or more Bankruptcy Matters, including through (i) requests for the production of or access to due diligence information in connection with or related to a potential sale or other disposition of estate assets (“Diligence Request(s)”); or (ii) informal or formal requests, Rule 2004 notices or motions, or service of document requests, interrogatories, depositions, and other discovery requests (the “Discovery Request(s),” and, collectively with the Diligence Requests, the “Information Request(s)”) as provided by the Federal Rules, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Local Rules”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105 and Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Parties request the entry of this Order to facilitate the exchange of documents, things, information, testimony, and other evidence that the Parties may consider to comprise confidential business or financial information, and for purposes of compliance with privacy laws. Based on the foregoing, including the agreement of the Parties, the Court has determined that entry of such an order is necessary in the interest of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, to facilitate and expedite the production, exchange, and treatment of Diligence Material (as defined below) and to protect Diligence Material that a Party seeks to maintain as Confidential Material or Highly Confidential Material (as those terms are defined below), it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and, upon Court approval, it is hereby ORDERED that the following terms will govern any requests for and production of Diligence Material (as defined below):

### **Scope of Order**

1. This Order governs the disclosure or exchange of all information and documents produced on or after February 26, 2021, by a Party (each a “Producing Party”), to any other Party (each a “Receiving Party”), formally or informally, either prior to or after the filing of a judicial proceeding, in response to or in connection with any Information Requests, including, without limitation, deposition testimony (whether based upon oral examination or written questions); interrogatories; answers to interrogatories; requests for admission; responses to requests for admission; documents, information, and things produced as well as any and all copies, abstracts, digests, notes, summaries, and excerpts thereof (collectively referred to as “Diligence Material”). “Material,” as that term is used herein, includes hard copy documents and electronically stored information contemplated by the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Federal Rules, including, but not limited to, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, data, or data compilations stored in any medium, testimony, exhibits, discovery responses, and all other mediums of expression.

2. Any Party or its counsel requesting Diligence Material from the Debtors, shall serve an executed copy of this Order along with such request. Any Party that executes and delivers **Exhibit A** to the Debtors shall be treated as a Party to this Order with all rights and obligations of the signatory Parties hereto. For the avoidance of any doubt, however, reference to becoming a

“Party” upon execution of **Exhibit A** is for the purposes of this Order only and not intended to reflect any agreement as to such party’s status in these Chapter 11 Cases.

3. Any Party or its counsel serving a subpoena or request upon a Party other than the Debtors, which subpoena or request requires the production of documents or testimony, shall serve a copy of this Order along with such subpoena or request. Any non-Party that executes and delivers **Exhibit A** to the Debtors shall be treated as a Party to this Order with all rights and obligations of the signatory Parties hereto. For the avoidance of any doubt, however, reference to becoming a “Party” upon execution of **Exhibit A** is for the purposes of this Order only and not intended to reflect any agreement as to such party’s status in these Chapter 11 Cases.

#### **Designating Diligence Material**

4. Any Producing Party may designate Diligence Material as “Confidential Material” or “Highly Confidential Material” (any such designated Diligence Material, “Designated Material”) in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Confidential Material: A Producing Party may designate Diligence Material as “Confidential” if such Producing Party reasonably believes that: (i) such Diligence Material (A) constitutes or contains nonpublic proprietary or confidential technical, business, financial, personal, or other information of a nature that should be protected under the Bankruptcy Rules or the Federal Rules or (B) is subject by law or by contract to a legally protected right of privacy; or (ii) the Producing Party (A) is under a preexisting obligation to a third party to treat such Diligence Material as confidential or (B) has been reasonably requested by another Party or non-Party to so designate such Diligence Material on the grounds that such other Party or non-Party considers such Diligence Material to contain information that is confidential or proprietary to such Party or non-Party.
- (b) Highly Confidential Material: A Producing Party may designate Diligence Material as “Highly Confidential” if such Producing Party reasonably believes (or with respect to documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that such Diligence Material is of such a nature that a risk of competitive injury would be created if such Diligence Material were disclosed to persons other than those identified in Paragraph 9 of this Order, such as trade secrets, sensitive financial or

business information, or material prepared by its industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts, or by its consultants (and their respective staff) that are retained by the Parties to this Order in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases if such materials contain trade secrets or sensitive financial or business information, and only to the extent that the Producing Party reasonably believes that such material is of such a nature that “Highly Confidential” treatment is warranted.

- (c) Undesignated Material: Subject to the rights and obligations of the Parties under Paragraphs 6 and 23 of this Order, no Party shall have any obligation or duty to maintain as confidential or prevent from disclosure any Diligence Material that is not Designated Material (“Undesignated Material”).

5. Manner of Designating Diligence Material: Where reasonably practicable, any Designated Material shall be designated by the Producing Party as such by marking each such page “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” as applicable. Such markings should not obliterate or obscure the content of the material that is produced. Where marking of every page of such materials is not reasonably practicable, such as with certain native file documents, a Producing Party may designate material as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” by informing the Receiving Party in a clear and conspicuous manner at the time of production of such material that such material is “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential,” such as by including such designation in the filename and/or the produced Concordance (or other document review platform) load file, if applicable. In addition, all Diligence Material uploaded to an electronic folder in an “e-room” maintained by The Claro Group or other firm or company may be bulk marked “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” by including such designation in the title of the electronic folder in which the Diligence Material is uploaded.

6. Late Designation of Diligence Material: The failure to designate particular Diligence Material as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” at the time of production shall not operate to waive a Producing Party’s right to later designate such Diligence Material as Designated Material or later apply another designation pursuant to this Order (“Misdesignated Material”). At

such time, arrangements will be made for the destruction of the Misdesignated Material or for the return to the Producing Party of all copies of the Misdesignated Material and for the substitution, where appropriate, of properly labeled copies of such Diligence Material. Upon receipt of replacement copies of such Misdesignated Material with the proper designation, the Receiving Party or Parties shall take all reasonable steps to return or destroy all previously produced copies of such Misdesignated Material. If requested by the Producing Party, a Receiving Party shall verify in writing that it has taken all reasonable steps to return or destroy such Misdesignated Material. No Party shall be deemed to have violated this Order if, prior to notification of any later designation, such Diligence Material was disclosed or used in any manner consistent with its original designation but inconsistent with its later designation. Once such later designation has been made, however, any Diligence Material shall be treated in accordance with that later designation; provided, however, that if the material that was not designated has been, at the time of the later designation, previously publicly filed with a court, no Party shall be bound by such later designation except to the extent determined by the Court upon motion of the Party that failed to make the designation.

#### **Use of Disclosure of Confidential or Highly Confidential Material**

7. General Limitations On Use And Disclosure Of All Diligence Material: All Diligence Material shall be used by the Receiving Parties solely for the purposes of any Bankruptcy Matter or the Chapter 11 Cases and in any proceedings wherein a claim arises out of the same transaction(s) or occurrence(s) involved in any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases, and not for any other purpose, including any other litigation or judicial proceedings that are not a Bankruptcy Matter and are not related to these Chapter 11 Cases, or any business, competitive, governmental, commercial, or administrative purpose or function.

8. Confidential Material: Confidential Material, and any and all information contained therein, may be given, shown, made available to, or communicated only to the following:

- (a) the Debtors;
- (b) the Committee;
- (c) the U.S. Trustee;
- (d) any Party who has signed **Exhibit A**; and
- (e) any other persons specified in Paragraph 9 below.

9. Highly Confidential Material: Highly Confidential Material, and any and all information contained therein, may be given, shown, made available to, or communicated only to the following:

- (a) outside counsel, and staff working under the express direction of such counsel, for:
  - i. the Debtors;
  - ii. the Committee;
  - iii. the U.S. Trustee; and
  - iv. any Party who has signed **Exhibit A**;
- (b) professionals retained under Sections 328 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts, and consultants (and their respective staff) that are retained a Party who has signed **Exhibit A** in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases;
- (c) any person who is indicated on the face of a document to have been an author, addressee, or copy recipient thereof, an actual recipient thereof, or in the case of meeting minutes, an attendee of the meeting;
- (d) any adverse witness during the course of a deposition where counsel questioning the witness reasonably believes that questioning the witness regarding the document is necessary and that doing so would not cause competitive harm;
- (e) outside photocopying, graphic production services, or litigation support services, as necessary for use in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases;
- (f) court reporters, stenographers, or videographers who record deposition or other testimony in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases;

- (g) the Court, its officers, and clerical staff in any judicial proceeding that may result from any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases;
- (h) any mediators and their staffs retained in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or these Chapter 11 Cases; and
- (i) any other person or entity with respect to whom the Producing Party may consent in writing or on the record at a deposition.

10. Designated Material To Be Disclosed Only In Accordance With Paragraphs 8 and 9: Highly Confidential Material, and any and all information contained therein, shall not be given, shown, made available to, disclosed, or communicated in any way, except to those people provided in Paragraph 9 of this Order. Confidential Material, and the substantive information contained therein, shall not be given, shown, made available to, disclosed, or communicated in any way, except to those people provided in Paragraph 8 of this Order.

11. Prerequisite to Disclosure of Designated Material: Before any person or their representative identified in Paragraph 9(b), 9(d), or 9(i) hereof is given access to Designated Material, such person or their representative shall be provided with a copy of this Order and shall execute **Exhibit A** annexed hereto. Each such executed **Exhibit A** shall be retained in the files of counsel for the Party who gave access to the Designated Material to the person who was provided such access. Such executed **Exhibit A** shall not be subject to disclosure under the Federal Rules or the Bankruptcy Rules unless a showing of good cause is made and the Court so orders.

12. Sealing of Designated Material Filed With Or Submitted To Court: Unless otherwise agreed by the Producing Party, all Designated Material filed with the Court, and all portions of pleadings, motions, or other papers filed with the Court that disclose Highly Confidential or Confidential Material, shall be filed under seal in accordance with the Federal Rules, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the individual practice rules of the Court, except that a Party may, at its option, file redacted pleadings containing the Designated Material so long



as such portions of the pleadings concerning the Designated Material have been redacted, and such redacted pleading is also filed pursuant to Local Rule 9037-1.

13. Use of Diligence Material in Open Court: The limitations on disclosure in this Order shall not apply to any Diligence Materials offered or otherwise used by any Party at trial or any hearing held in open court except as provided in this paragraph. As part of any pretrial conference or any meet and confer regarding the use of exhibits in any evidentiary hearing, and where practicable at least 24 hours prior to the use of any Designated Material at trial or any hearing to be held in open court, counsel for any Party who desires to offer or use such Designated Material at trial or any hearing to be held in open court shall meet and confer in good faith with the Producing Party to discuss ways to redact the Designated Material so that the material may be offered or otherwise used by any party, in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. If the Parties are unable to resolve a dispute related to such Designated Material, then the Producing Party bears the burden of seeking relief from the Court.

#### **Depositions and Rule 2004 Examinations**

14. Deposition and Rule 2004 Examination Testimony - Manner Of Designation: In the case of depositions, if counsel for a Party believes that a portion of the testimony given at a deposition should be Designated Material of such Party, such testimony may be designated as appropriate by: (a) stating so orally on the record and requesting that only the relevant portion(s) of testimony is so designated; or (b) providing written notice within seven (7) days of the Party's receipt of the final transcript from the court reporter that only the relevant portion(s) of such transcript or recording of a deposition thereof is so designated, except in the event that a hearing on related issues is scheduled to occur within seven (7) days, in which case the foregoing seven (7) day period will be reduced to three (3) business days. Where a hearing or pleading deadline

on related issues is scheduled to occur in such close proximity to a deposition that a three-day period is not practical, notice shall be given at the deposition or as soon as practical thereafter. Until expiration of the aforesaid designation period, as applicable, following receipt of the transcript by the Parties, all deposition transcripts and recordings shall be considered and treated as Confidential unless otherwise specified by counsel to any Party on the record at the deposition.

15. Designated Material Used As Exhibits During Depositions: Nothing in Paragraph 14 shall apply to or affect the confidentiality designations on Diligence Material entered as exhibits at depositions.

16. Witness Review of Deposition Testimony: Nothing in Paragraph 14 hereof shall preclude the witness from reviewing his or her deposition transcript.

17. Presence of Persons During Deposition Testimony: When Designated Material is elicited during a deposition, persons not entitled to receive such information under the terms of this Order shall, upon request, be excluded from the portion of the deposition so designated. After such exclusion from the portion of any deposition containing Designated Material, if such persons wish to receive written or other recordings of the deposition testimony containing Designated Material, such persons must become a Party to this Order.

18. Responsibilities And Obligations Of Court Reporters: In the event that testimony is designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential, the court reporter, who shall first have agreed to abide by the terms of this paragraph, shall be instructed to include on the cover page of each such transcript the legend, "This transcript portion contains information subject to a Protective Order and shall be used only in accordance therewith," and each page of the transcript shall include the legend "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential," as appropriate. If the deposition is recorded, the recording shall also be subject to the same level of confidentiality as the transcript and include

the legend “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential,” as appropriate, if any portion of the transcript itself is so designated.

### **General Provisions**

19. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties or ordered by the Court, all deadlines and time periods herein shall be computed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006.

20. This Order is a procedural device intended to protect Diligence Materials designated as Designated Material. Nothing in this Order shall affect any Party’s rights or obligations unrelated to the confidentiality of Diligence Materials.

21. For the purposes of this Order, “writing” shall include electronic mail.

22. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver or relinquishment by any Party of any objection, including, but not limited to, any objection concerning the alleged confidentiality or proprietary nature of any documents, information, or data requested by a Party; any right to object to any discovery request; any right to object to the admissibility of evidence on any ground; any right to seek any further protective order; or any right to seek relief from the Court or any other applicable court from any provision of this Order by application on notice on any grounds.

23. Unauthorized Disclosure Of Designated Material: In the event of a disclosure by a Receiving Party of Designated Material to persons or entities not authorized by this Order to receive such Designated Material, the Receiving Party making the unauthorized disclosure shall, upon learning of the disclosure: immediately notify the person or entity to whom the disclosure was made that the disclosure contains Designated Material subject to this Order; immediately make reasonable efforts to recover the disclosed Designated Material as well as preclude further dissemination or use by the person or entity to whom the disclosure was made; and immediately notify the Producing Party of the identity of the person or entity to whom the disclosure was made,

the circumstances surrounding the disclosure, and the steps taken to recover the disclosed Designated Material and ensure against further dissemination or use thereof. Disclosure of Designated Material other than in accordance with the terms of this Order may subject the disclosing person to such sanctions and remedies as the Court may deem appropriate.

24. Manner Of Objecting To Designated Material: If any Receiving Party objects to the designation of any Designated Material, the Receiving Party shall first raise the objection with the Producing Party in writing, and confer in good faith to attempt to resolve any dispute respecting the terms or operation of this Order. The Receiving Party may seek relief from the Court if the Receiving Party and the Producing Party cannot resolve their dispute. The burden of justifying a “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” designation is on the Producing Party. Until the Court rules on such an issue, the Designated Material shall continue to be treated according to its designation. Upon motion, the Court may order the removal of the “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” designation from any Diligence Material so designated that is subject to the provisions of this Order.

25. Timing Of Objections To Designated Material: A Receiving Party shall not be obliged to challenge the propriety of a “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” designation at the time made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. The failure of any Party to challenge the designation by a Producing Party of Diligence Materials as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” during the discovery period shall not be a waiver of that Party’s right to object to such designation at an evidentiary hearing or at trial.

26. Production Of Privileged Diligence Material: Pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, if a Producing Party inadvertently produces materials that the Producing Party later claims in good faith should not have been produced because of a privilege

or other protection, such as work-product protection, the production of that material shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any applicable privileges or protections. In such circumstances, when the Producing Party becomes aware that privileged or protected material was produced, it must notify the Receiving Party and request, at the Producing Party's election, either the return or the destruction of the produced material. Within 7 days after receiving such notification, the Receiving Party shall, as instructed, return or destroy and confirm destruction of all such produced material, including all copies, notes, and/or summaries thereof in any Receiving Party work product. The Receiving Party shall not use the contents of such material for any purpose, including in connection with any effort seeking to compel production of the produced material. The Receiving Party must take reasonable steps to retrieve the produced material if the Receiving Party disclosed it before being notified. Such return or destruction and confirmation of destruction shall not preclude the Receiving Party from seeking to compel production of the produced material for reasons other than its production or any information about the contents of the material that was gained due to its production. Moreover, this Order shall not prevent any Party from challenging the designation of such material as privileged or protected and moving to compel production of allegedly privileged or protected documents. If the Receiving Party becomes aware during the review of any material that such material is likely to be privileged or subject to other protection, the Receiving Party shall, within 7 days, notify the Producing Party and sequester the material until the Producing Party has had a reasonable opportunity to respond.

27. Challenging Privilege Determinations: The Receiving Party shall not be obliged to challenge the propriety of privilege determinations at the time asserted, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. If the Receiving Party wishes to challenge one or more of the privilege designations made by the Producing Party, the Parties shall first meet and

confer in a good faith effort to resolve any dispute concerning any challenged privilege designations. If the Parties are unable to agree on the appropriateness of one or more privilege designations, the Party challenging the privilege designations may present such dispute to the Court. The burden of justifying a privilege designation is on the Party asserting the privilege. Neither Party shall contend that the meet and confer process set forth in this paragraph constitutes a waiver of attorney-client privilege or attorney work product for any document claimed to be protected from disclosure.

28. Use Of Non-Diligence Material: To the extent that any Party has documents or information that would otherwise constitute Diligence Material that (i) are received or become available to a Party on a non-confidential basis not in violation of an obligation of confidentiality to any other person; (ii) were independently developed by such Party without violating its obligations hereunder; or (iii) are published or become publicly available in a manner that is not in violation of this Order or of any obligation of confidentiality to any other person, including a Party (collectively “Non-Diligence Material”), nothing in this Order shall limit a Party’s ability to use Non-Diligence Material for any purpose, including in a deposition, hearing, trial, or otherwise in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter or the Chapter 11 Cases.

29. Obligations Following Conclusion Of Any Bankruptcy Matter or Chapter 11 Cases: Within 90 days of the later of the conclusion of any Bankruptcy Matter or the termination of the Chapter 11 cases, including all appeals as to all Parties, all Parties and non-Parties shall, upon the request of the Producing Party, take all commercially reasonable steps to return to counsel for the respective Producing Party, or to destroy, all Diligence Material, and all copies thereof in the possession of any person, except that: counsel may retain for its records their work product and a copy of court filings, deposition transcripts, deposition recordings, deposition exhibits, expert

reports, and exhibits introduced at any hearing; and a Receiving Party may retain Diligence Material that is auto-archived or otherwise “backed up” on electronic management and communications systems or servers, or as may be required for regulatory recordkeeping purposes; provided that such retained documents will continue to be treated as provided in this Order. If a Receiving Party chooses to take all commercially reasonable steps to destroy, rather than return, documents in accordance with this paragraph, that Receiving Party shall, if requested by the Producing Party, verify such destruction in writing to counsel for the Producing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph, to the extent that the information in the Diligence Material remains confidential, the terms of this Order shall remain binding.

30. Continuing Applicability Of Confidentiality Agreement And Stipulated Protective Order: The provisions of this Order shall survive the final termination of any Bankruptcy Matter and the Debtors’ emergence from bankruptcy for any retained Diligence Material. The final termination or conclusion of any Bankruptcy Matter and the Debtors’ emergence from bankruptcy shall not relieve counsel or other persons obligated hereunder from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Diligence Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.

31. Amendment Of Confidentiality Agreement And Stipulated Protective Order: Upon good cause shown, and on notice to all Parties, any Party may move to amend the provisions of this Order at any time or the Parties may agree by written stipulation, subject to further order of the Court if applicable, to amend the provisions of the Order.

32. Disclosure Of Diligence Material In Other Proceedings: Any Receiving Party that may be subject to a motion or other form of legal process or any regulatory process, demand, or request seeking the disclosure of a Producing Party’s Diligence Material: (i) shall promptly notify

the Producing Party (unless such notice is prohibited by applicable law) to enable it to have an opportunity to appear and be heard on whether that information should be disclosed, and (ii) in the absence of a court order preventing such legally required disclosure, the Receiving Party shall be permitted to disclose only that portion of the information that is legally required to be disclosed and shall inform in writing any person to whom such information is so disclosed of the confidential nature of such information.

33. Use Of Diligence Material By Producing Party: Nothing in this Order affects the right of any Producing Party to use or disclose its own Diligence Material in any way. Such disclosure, other than publicly filing its own Diligence Material, will not waive the protections of this Order and, subject to Paragraph 28, will not otherwise entitle other Parties, non-Parties, or their attorneys to use or disclose such Diligence Material in violation of this Order.

34. Obligations Of Parties: Nothing herein shall relieve a Party of its obligations under the Federal Rules, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, or under any future stipulations and orders, regarding the production of documents or the making of timely responses to Discovery Requests in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter.

35. Advice Of Counsel: Nothing herein shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from rendering advice to their clients in connection with any Bankruptcy Matter and, in the course thereof, relying on examination of Diligence Material; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any information in any manner that is inconsistent with the restrictions or procedures set forth herein.

36. Prior Agreements: The Parties agree that the provisions and requirements set forth in this Order supersede all prior agreements with respect to Diligence Material. For the avoidance



of doubt, this Order shall not affect, amend, or modify any existing confidentiality agreements, non-disclosure agreements, intercreditor agreements, or protective orders applicable to any Party or between any Parties that relate to documents or information exchanged prior to February 26, 2021.

37. Enforcement: The provisions of this Order constitute an Order of this Court and violations of the provisions of this Order are subject to enforcement and the imposition of legal sanctions in the same manner as any other Order of the Court.

**THE FOREGOING STIPULATION IS SO ORDERED**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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MARVIN ISGUR  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**Agreed to as to form**

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**EXHIBIT A**

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My address is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. My present employer is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. My present occupation or job description is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I have been engaged as \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ in the preparation and conduct of *In re Castex Energy 2005 Holdco, et al.* Debtors, Case No. 21-30710 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

6. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms of the Stipulated Protective Order (“Order”). I agree to comply with and be bound by all the provisions of the Order. I agree that I will not use Diligence Material for any purpose other than any Bankruptcy Matter and the Chapter 11 Cases, and will not disclose or cause Diligence Material to be disclosed to anyone not expressly permitted by the Order to receive Diligence Material. By acknowledging these obligations under the Order, I understand that I am submitting myself to the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas for the purpose of any issue or dispute arising hereunder and that my willful violation of any term of the Order could subject me to punishment for contempt of Court.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.